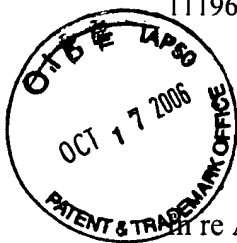


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In response to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2006, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the comments and amendments set forth below.